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'Independence Day' Demonstrations And Arrests In City

Explosion In Mill: Churchill's Effigy Burnt In Fort: Attempted Flag Salutations, Meetings And Processions: Mild Lathi Charge

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

More than sixty persons, including 15 women and a girl of 10, were arrested in the course of various demonstrations in connection with the Independence Day in the city to-day.

Several shops in Dadar, Matunga, Kalbadevi, Girgaum and other areas were closed. The Mulji Jetha Market, the Swadeshi Market, the Mangaldas Market, the Laxmidas Market, the Yarn Market, the Pearl Market and the Drug Market were also closed.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES CLOSED

All the 400 Municipal Schools were closed in consonance with a resolution passed by the Schools Committee on Tuesday. The St. Xavier's College had a holiday. The Ramnarain Ruia, the Poddar Commerce and the Khalsa Colleges were closed. The Elphinstone College, the Sydenham College of Commerce and the Law College worked with depleted strength. The New Bharda High School, the Bai Kabibai High School and several other primary and secondary schools suspended work for the day. A flag was hoisted over the Wilson College but was later removed.

The Independence pledge was read by some students in the common room of the Elphinstone College and the Law College.

A few small factories and presses were also closed. The Goverdhandas Sunderdas Medical College was closed and the students hoisted the Tri-colour near every room of the hostel.

EXPLOSION IN SIMPLEX MILL

The day started with an explosion of a crude bomb in the Simplex Mill when the night shift workers were about to leave the mill. A small bomb seems to have been lobbed from an unknown place and as a result of the explosion, the workers were scared. There was a scramble as they trooped out of the mill. Four workers were injured; but the injuries were considered to be minor.

Before 8 a.m. demonstrations, on a minor scale, had already begun. The statue of Dadabhai Naoroji, opposite Flora Fountain, near which a crude, country-made bomb had exploded last night, causing injuries to three persons attracted a small crowd, early this morning.

After a brief and hasty flag salutation ceremony, the statue was garlanded. Before the Police came on the spot, the crowd had dispersed; the Police promptly removed both the flag and the garland.

Congressmen in many localities were engaged in the day's activities from an early hour. A procession was taken out from the corner of Holi-Chakla Street about 8-30 a.m. As it advanced along the Bazar Gate Street, it was confronted by a Police party which dispersed the procession. Mr. Kantappa K. Pangal who led this procession was put under arrest. In the meanwhile, the Palton Road Police put under arrest another Congress worker.

At the same time, the Princess Street Police also got busy. Eight women and three men were put under arrest and marched to the Police lock-up. The Maharbourie Police also, as a result of the day's demonstrations, arrested 5 women and 3 men. At Tilak Bridge two persons were arrested.

EFFIGY BURNT

The C.I.D. had also their share in the crop of the day's arrests, having arrested five persons.

An attempt to perform flag salutation ceremony at the Lalbaugh maidan resulted in the arrest of three persons, including a boy.

While the arrests and demonstrations were going on in these localities, most of the shops had already been closed: Students, as a result of either closing of the colleges or non-attendance in most of the educational institutions, were out on the streets, hawking the tri-colour.

A feature of the day's demonstrations was the burning of an effigy of the British Prime Minister. The effigy was taken by a group of boys in Ghoga Street with shouts and exclamations. They then hoisted a tri-colour on a nearby lamp post and made themselves scarce at the sight of the Police.

The names of the ladies arrested at Cathedral Street at Bhuleshwar are: Raihana Tyabji, Sarojini Dhirajlal Nanavatty, Sushilabai Pandurang Ranade, Vinabai Ghia, Saraswatibai Dwarkadas, Kamalabai Gupta, Shantabai and Laxmibai Vasudev.

Among those arrested in other places were Babulal Mohanlal and Amritlal Chhotalal, Ramchandradev Sharma, Motichand Gandhi, Kalyanji Shah, Nanji Shah, and Bhanushanker Yajnik.

Three of these were arrested in the morning at Bhat Bazar for attempted flag hoisting.

AT CHAUPATTY

The demonstrations were resumed in the evening with Chowpatty as the chief centre. About 6 p.m., six persons including one woman and a girl of ten tried to read out the Independence pledge near the Tilak statue. They were promptly put under arrest. An hour later, eight men and a woman came and sat near the statue. They were asked to move on by the police and on their refusal, they were arrested while shouting slogans. A large crowd which had collected near-by responded with similar slogans but was dispersed by the police.

AT MATUNGA

Mr. T. V. S. Mani read the Independence Day pledge near the temple on Bhandarkar Road, Matunga, and as he was about to lead a procession, was arrested and the crowd dispersed after a mild lathi charge.

AT DADAR

Later in the evening, the police arrested Miss Sushila Pai and Miss Nanduben Shroff. Hemsudha and Lila Pednikar, two girl students of the Ruia College, were arrested in the afternoon. The new Dadar Police Station also registered three arrests. Mr. Madhav Menon, a Congress worker was arrested on Hornby Road while leading a procession in the evening.

The annual general meeting of the Indian Merchants' Chamber which was scheduled to be held to-day was adjourned to Monday on a motion by Mr. M. C. Matani, seconded by Mr. Vithaldas Damodar Govindji.

More Arrests

Messrs. Wamanrao Deshpande and P. K. Menon were arrested in the north of the City in the evening. The former was arrested for taking out a procession at DeLisle Road while the latter was arrested under the Defence of India Rules at Dadar.

At 10 p.m. a procession was brought out by some persons at Matunga when the police arrived on the scene and arrested 7 persons.

Number Of Arrests At Vile Parle, Khar And Ghatkopar

(From Our Correspondent.)

VILE PARLE, Jan. 26: Flag salutations, Reading of the Independence Pledge and Processions, took place at Vile Parle, Khar and Ghatkoper on Wednesday morning.

Five persons from Vile Parle, two from Khar and two from Ghatkoper were arrested subsequently for taking leading parts in the Independence Day Celebrations.

The names of the arrested persons are:—From Vile Parle, Swami Ramanand, Mr. Champak Dave, Mr. Eknath Gidh, Mr. Samaldas Sanghavi and Mr. Ali, from Khar: Mrs. Jayashri Munim and Mrs. Chandrika Patwalla, from Ghatkoper: Mrs. Pushpaben Nanalal and Mr. Narmadashanker.

Hartal was observed at Khar, Vile Parle and Ghatkoper; all the schools and most of the shops remained closed throughout the day. National flags were sold at railway stations and in the towns.

Ahmedabad Renews The Pledge

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 26: "Independence Day" was observed this morning with flag salutation ceremony in different localities in the city. Pledges were taken in almost each ward. The principal markets remained closed. The National Flag was hoisted in Maskati Mahajan Office this morning. The Gujarat College, including the Law and Art Colleges also had flag ceremony. Students are not attending schools and colleges.

12 Persons Arrested

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 26: Twelve persons were arrested to-day when an attempt was made to hold a meeting in Manekchawk, the business centre of the city. Earlier three processions were taken out. The processionists dispersed on the arrival of the police who arrested two of them.—A. P.

GUJARATI DAILIES STOP PUBLICATION

"Sandesh" and "Samachar". Gujarati dailies did not come out to-day following the order of the Dist. Magistrate served on them, while the two other dailies—"Prabhat" and "Bharat" have come out with their usual editions.—A. P.

DEMONSTRATORS DISPERSED

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 26: About 25 boys are reported to have thrown stones to-day at some of the shops that were open in the Maskati Cloth Market, in an attempt to get them closed. The police dispersed them.

The mills are working while the principal markets are closed.—A. P.

Hartal In Nasik

NASIK, Jan. 26: Nine arrests were made this morning for taking out a Prabhat Pheri in connection with "Independence Day" celebrations.

The markets in the city and Panchavati remained closed to-day.—United Press.

In Lahore

LAHORE, Jan. 26: The "Independence Day" was observed in Lahore to-day by the students of some of the local Hindu schools and colleges.

Some of the colleges, including the D. A. V. College, the Forman Christian College and the Sanatan Dharam College remained closed to-day. The students held meetings in the premises of their respective colleges or hostels and hoisted the Congress Flag.—A. P.

COUNTRY-WIDE DEMONSTRATIONS

In Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26: Local police arrested one person in Ahargan while pasting some objectionable leaflet.

Another person named Vidya Ratan who was recently released from jail was arrested at Sadara under Rules 38 and 39 of the Defence of India Rules.

At Jamianagar a largely attended meeting was held where among others Dr. Zakir Hussain addressed the meeting on the significance of the "Independence Day." Partial 'hartal' was observed in educational institutes.—United Press.

Frontier Renews Pledge

PESHAWAR, Jan. 26: "Independence Day" was observed all over the Frontier Province to-day. Processions of uniformed Red Shirts were taken out at Bannu, Kohat, D. I. Khan, Abbotabad and Peshawar and the "Independence Pledge" was read in public meetings.

At a meeting in Peshawar Dr. Khan Sahib himself read the pledge. He also toured the suburbs and addressed two meetings.—A. P.

In Karachi

KARACHI, Jan. 26: Over a dozen persons have been arrested by the police here in connection with Congress demonstrations including the taking out of processions and attempting to hoist the National Flag.

Some Municipal schools and the offices of the Karachi Municipal Corporation and the "markets" such as cotton, pepper, etc. remained closed to-day.

Some students have absented themselves from schools and colleges. At the college hostel, the police removed the National Flag which was hoisted there by the students.

VOLUNTEER JAILED

On a charge of distributing Congress badges and compelling shopkeepers to close their shops, a Congress volunteer was arrested this morning in the old town quarter of Karachi. He was produced before the City Magistrate who sent him to prison for two months.—A. P.

Ban On "Dunia"

NAWABSHAH, Jan. 25: An order issued by the District Magistrate, Nawabshah, was served on the Editor, Printer and Publisher of the "Dunia", a weekly of Naushahro, prohibiting him from publishing any "Independence Day" number in addition to or in place of the regular weekly issue. —A. P.

Bezwada Arrests

BEZWADA Jan. 25: A Congress Flag, which was found hoisted in a public park in Goverpet was taken away by the police authorities this morning. Four persons have been taken into custody in connection with "Independence Day."—A. P.

Student Leader Arrested

ELLORE, Jan. 26: The police arrested Mr. G. Krishnamurthy, the Secretary, National Students' Union, while trying to organise strike in a local high school—A. P.

Madura Arrests

MADURA, Jan. 26: About 21 persons were taken into custody by the police last night. This evening ten Congressmen were taken into custody by the police for taking out a procession in east Chitrai Street.—A. P.

In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26: Several group processions were taken out in the city in observance of the "Independence Day" to-day. Congress Flags were hoisted on a large numher of private buildings and business houses in Indian quarters, where partial hartal was also observed by business establishments.

An allegedly unauthorised procession organised in celebration of the "Independence Day" in Wellington Square was dispersed by the police this afternoon and five persons were arrested. The procession was formed after a meeting at the lawn of the Calcutta University, and was dispersed by the police as it came out of Wellington Square.

Earlier, there was a Charka demonstration by women and reading of the Congress Pledge, in the square.

In the evening, there was a meeting at the same place under the auspices of the Communist Party, with police permission.—A. P.

In Dacca

DACCA, Jan. 26: Congress Flags were hoisted in Dacca Hall and Jaganath Hall of Dacca University this morning in observance of the "Independence Day." After the singing of 'Bande Mataram' the "Independence" pledge was taken by all present.

Flags were also hoisted in many students hostels and messes and some private houses. Some shops remained closed.—A. P.

ARRESTS AT MONGHYR

PATNA, Jan. 26: A Monghyr message says that one Harshahi Singh and his son, Awadh Singh have been arrested by the police following the recovery of some guns, military dresses and instruments for making King's coins from his house. Another message received here from Chapra says that Mr. Jamuna Prasad Sinha, a pleader, has been arrested under D. I. R. 129. His house was also searched. —United Press.

CONGRESSMEN ARRESTED

CUTTACK, Jan. 26: Four Congressmen were arrested here by the police, this morning, while going about in the streets carrying Congress flags and shouting Congress slogans. Posters with Congress slogans were pasted on walls in some quarters of the town during the night.—A. P.

MALAN SPRINGS SURPRISE

Demand For Independent South African Republic As Britain Is Exhausted

CAPETOWN, Jan. 25.

The motion by Dr. Daniel Francois Malan, the opposition leader, advocating certain peace principles and demanding the establishing of an independent South African republic was based on the assumption that Britain, which had offered everything in the common struggle was exhausted, said Gen. Smuts in the Assembly to-day.

"With that weak and exhausted ally we are going towards one of the greatest victories in history", he said.

He had no doubt that the spirit in which the defeated enemy powers were to be treated would be constructive—the spirit of a "helping hand."—Reuter.

NAZIS SINK ALLIED HOSPITAL SHIP

LONDON, Jan. 26.

From Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters North Africa: An official statement said that three hospital ships were attacked shortly after dark by German bombers off Anzio. They were all outside the invasion zone. One of them was sunk. All the three ships were lighted and carried Red Cross markings. The Germans dropped flares and carried out several dive-bombing assaults. The loss of life is believed to be low.—Reuter.

SOVIET DRIVE ON LENINGRAD FRONT

Russians Capture Town Of Krasnogvardeisk

MOSCOW, Jan. 26.

Latest reports say that the Russians are driving swiftly on Shimsk, west of Lake Ilmen and key to Staraya-Russa, one of the Germans' strongest forts, and that a Soviet spearhead is less than 70 miles north of the town, cables Reuter's staff correspondent.

Gatchina (Krasnogvardeisk) has been captured, it is officially announced.

Gatchina is 20 miles south of Leningrad and is the junction of the Tosno-Narva and Leningrad-Luga railways.

The Vinnitsa battle to-day flared up to its old fury as Marshal Von Manstein threw in new units some of which were smashed to pieces within a few hours of going into action.

The German Command dreading any further Russian advance towards the all important Odessa-Lvov railway is struggling desperately to gain a local success to offset the increasingly difficult position of the German forces at the northern end of the front.—Reuter.

CITY MARKETS OBSERVE INDEPENDENCE DAY

All leading City Markets observed "Independence Day" on Wednesday.

No business was done on the Bombay Stock Exchange, the East India Cotton Association, the Bombay Bullion Exchange, the Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, the Seeds Traders' Association and the Grain Merchants' Association.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Jan 25.

I C C March highest 470-3/4, lowest 468, closing 469. I C C May highest 469, lowest 466-1/2, closing 467-1/2. I.C.C. July highest 473, lowest 470-1/2, closing 471-3/4.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Jan. 25.

March (Old) 20.04—03 May (Old) 19.73—03, July (Old) 19.40—05 October (New) 19.03—03. Middling Spot 20.88—05.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March 20.16—03, May 19.89—05, July 19.58—04, October 19.08. Middling Spot 20.06—03

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL

March 20.06, May 19.74, July 19.41.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 25th January, 1944. Total amount offered was Rs. 10,76,75.000—(Rupees ten crores seventy-six lakhs seventy-five thousand only). Tenders at Rs. 99-13-6 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-13-3 allotted approximately 65 per cent. Total amount accepted was Rs. Eight Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-10-4 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday the 1st February 1944, in Bombay up to 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and up to the close of business on Monday the 31st January 1944 at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday the 4th February 1944. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 21st January 1944 Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 1,10,00.000—(Rupees one crore ten lakhs only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MARCH)

New York, Jan 26.

Previous Closing	20.04
To-day's Opening	20.03
Difference	—01
To-day's Closing	20.04
Difference	Nil

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Jan. 26

New York Stock Exchange opening Prices:—

General Motors $52-7/8.

Anaconda Copper Mining $25-1/8.

U. S. Steel Corpn. $53.

U. S. Steel Pref. unquoted.

ALLIES OPEN REAL BATTLE FOR ROME

Anglo-American Advance In Italy Despite Kesselring's Increasing Resistance

Reuter's special correspondent at the Allied headquarters, North Africa cables: Marshal Kesselring's "gradually increasing resistance" reported in to-day's Communique marks the opening of a real battle for Rome.

AMERICAN ADVANCE

It is virtually certain that Gen. Mark Clark's invasion forces are now astride the Appian Way and the main coastal railway, which run at points only 12 miles from the coast. It is also certain that patrols have gone much deeper.

The fact that American patrols have re-crossed the Rapido may indicate a weakening of the Gustav Line as mobile forces are pulled out hurriedly and rushed northward.

Though the abandonment of Cassino is as yet unconfirmed such a move by the enemy would harmonise with his previous tactics of delivering smashing blows to cover up a withdrawal.

INDIANS CLASH WITH NAZI PATROL

On the Eighth Army front active patrolling is taking place on both sides, reports Reuter's special correspondent.

Indian troops clashed with a German patrol, killing 20 of the enemy and taking a few prisoners southwest of Villegrande.

The artillery scored a direct hit and knocked down a tower which the Germans were using as an observation post at Torricella.

The main weight of Gen. Alexander's airforces yesterday was again concentrated on communication targets between Rome and the Fifth Army's two fronts. A direct hit was scored in the middle of an important rail junction near Ceprano. Royal Canadian Air Force fighters helped to break one of the heaviest attacks yet on the Fifth Army's invasion beaches carried out by a force of over 30 fighter-bombers and fighters.

British troops of the Fifth Army have captured Monte Cerasoli, which is two miles from Castel Forte.

American forces have crossed the Rapido river north of Cassino and are advancing through minefields.

BERLIN ADMITS ALLIED ADVANCE

BERLIN: The German overseas radio says "powerful Allied reinforcements are pouring through the Anzio-Nettuno bridgehead. Allied forces have succeeded in battling their way forward towards the north and the north-east."

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA: To-day's Allied 'communique' states:

"ARMY: French troops of the Fifth Army are engaged in a bitter see-saw struggle with the enemy for the possession of important heights several miles north-east of Cassino. In the Cassino sector American troops are advancing through minefields. In the northern beachhead British and American troops continued to press forward against gradually increasing resistance. Numerous patrol clashes occurred on the Eighth Army front, where prisoners were taken.

AIR: Yesterday heavy bombers hit rail communications in Central Italy. Roads and bridges at Rieti, Amelia and Ceprano were bombed by medium bombers. Light bombers attacked Terrelle, Frascati and Belmonte.

Eleven enemy aircraft were destroyed, while three of our are missing."

The Nettuno bridgehead is now 15 miles long and 12 miles deep.

FRENCH DRIVEN BACK

It was disclosed to-day that French troops on Monday, after repulsing an initial counter-attack in a savage hand-to-hand fighting, were driven off the 3,000 foot Monte Croce by a succession of later attacks. South of Monte Croce, however, the French continue to make slight advances.

ARGENTINA BREAKS WITH AXIS

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 26: Argentina has broken off relations with the Axis.

MONTEVIDEO: The decision to break with the Axis powers, as a result of disclosures of an Axis spy system in Argentina, was reached by leading members of the Government at a meeting yesterday. During the afternoon the decision was officially communicated to Germany and Japan. The Argentine Government is awaiting replies from Berlin and Tokyo.

NEW YORK: The German and Japanese Ambassadors in Buenos Aires will be handed their passports.

It was learnt in Buenos Aires that the first arrests of alleged members of a spy ring had been made in police roundups while the Government was engaged in its all night conferences.

SPANISH ASSURANCE TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 26: It is learned in Spanish circles that stringent measures have been taken by Spain to prevent a recurrence of outrages in ships carrying cargo to Britain. Germans living in ports where these shipments are made will be asked to leave.

Several arrests are reported in connection with these outrages, including among them several Spaniards.—Reuter.

NO MORE PUNJAB RICE FOR BENGAL

NEW DELHI: Out of 6,40,000 tons of foodgrains undertaken by the Centre for supply to Bengal, rice represents 40,000 tons. The Central Government is reported to have stopped buying rice from the Punjab as the Government of that province demand over Rs. 14 per maund of rice, while the Centre is not prepared to pay more than Rs. 11.—*"A. B. Patrika".*

INTERVIEWS TO DETENUS

LAHORE, Jan. 26.

It is understood that the Punjab Government have decided to allow the Congress detenus in the Punjab jails to have two interviews a month with their relatives and friends. Orders to this effect are being issued shortly.—A. P.

Batch Of Destitutes Comes To Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26: Another batch of cobbler destitutes, numbering 17 arrived in Calcutta this afternoon and were accommodated in the destitutes home run by the Government of Bengal. Most of these were women and children hailing from Manikgunj Sub-division, Dacca district. —A. P.

8 Die In Calcutta Hospitals

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

Yesterday eight sick destitutes died in various hospitals in Calcutta and suburbs.—A. P.

Small-pox Epidemic In Karachi

KARACHI, Jan. 26: Smallpox has broken out in Karachi in an epidemic form, says a Press Note. It adds that cases of smallpox are also being reported from rural areas.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

SUMMARY TRIAL FOR PATNA ARRESTED

PATNA, Jan. 26.

For attempting to take out processions to-day in connection with the celebration of the Independence Day the police arrested 42 persons including five women in Patna and four in Patna City, including one ex-security prisoner, from whose house prejudicial leaflets were recovered.

Most of the arrested persons were tried summarily and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment under D.I.R.—United Press.

IN CALCUTTA CORPORATION

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

When the Calcutta Corporation met for a meeting fixed for to-day, Mr. Gostha Behari Sett, a Councillor, raised "a matter of public importance" and began to read the independence pledge. He also moved an adjournment of the House. The European group raised objection. The House was adjourned till Friday. The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor were present.—United Press.

WHY GANDHIJI HAS NOT WRITTEN TO MRS. PANDIT

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 24: Mahatma Gandhi is reported to be observing absolute silence 'vis-a-vis' the outside world. Informed circles believe that after his detention in August, 1942, he asked for permission from the Government to write letters without restrictions. The permission, it is understood was refused. This, according to informed circles, explains why Gandhiji has not written to Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit in her bereavement.—United Press.

Viceroy In Bijapur Village

BIJAPUR, Jan. 26.

H. E. the Viceroy covered over 198 miles to-day by car visiting a number of villages in the district of Bijapur in Karnatak.

Lord Wavell accompanied by the Governor of Bombay, walked into jowar fields, talked to cultivators and saw the work being carried out by the Land Development Section of the Agricultural Department in Bijapur District.

The Viceroy stayed in Bijapur town hardly for an hour, lunched with the Collector and almost immediately left for Madbhavi village. It has a population of 1,700. The Viceroy visited the primary school in the village and in the Chavdi met leading villagers and a party of Indian soldiers from these parts, who had recently returned from overseas.

In Bijapur, Lord Wavell spent a couple of minutes at Gol Gumbaz or "Whispering Gallery." The Viceroy also visited the Durbar Hall of the old kings of Bijapur, which now houses several Government Offices. Before proceeding to Sholapur, the Viceroy and party visited a cattle and dairy farm at Butnal.—A. P.

India To Benefit From U.N.R.R.A.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.

The House of Representatives today passed an amendment to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Bill providing for the inclusion of India in the areas eligible for relief and rehabilitation.

The text of the amendment says "It is the recommendation of Congress that in so far as funds and facilities permit any area important to the United Nations military operations which may be stricken by famine or disease may be included in the benefits available from the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration."

The House of Representatives then passed and sent to the Senate the amended Bill, which authorises an expenditure of up to 1,350 million dollars for the relief of war distressed peoples.

NAWABSHAH, Jan. 26: Due to the recent rains, the wall of a house collapsed here yesterday, killing one woman. Two others including a woman were seriously injured.

DEFIANCE OF HIGH COURT'S ORDER?

Bhagalpur District Magistrate Asked To Show Cause

PATNA, Jan. 26.

Mr. Justice Agarwala and Mr. Justice Imam have issued a rule upon the District Magistrate of Bhagalpur to show cause why accused Narsingh Rai was not released in pursuance of the order of the High Court, which had held that his detention was illegal and that he should be set at liberty at once.

Narsingh Rai was alleged to have been implicated in a series of criminal cases all of which had ended either in his acquittal or discharge. He was thereafter implicated in another case and was ordered to be released on bail by the Sessions Judge of Bhagalpur on November 2, 1943. The petitioner's case is that although he furnished bail he was never in fact released. He was then given to understand that he was detained under D.I.R. 129. He then moved the High Court which held on December 23, 1943, that his detention was illegal and directed that he should be set at liberty at once. He was, thereafter, given to understand that he was detained under D.I.R. 26.

The petitioner then moved a "habeas corpus" application complaining that the High Court's order had not been carried out and praying for release.

As a result of his application the High Court issued a rule upon the District Magistrate as stated above. —A. P.

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RUSSIA REJECTS U. S. ARBITRATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26: It is officially announced that Russia has not accepted the American offer of mediation in the Polish-Russian dispute.

The Soviet reply expressed warm appreciation of the American offer to mediate in the Polish dispute but said that the Soviet Government feels that relations between Russia and Poland have not yet ripened to the point where the United States' good offices could be utilised.

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Lahore Magistrate Serves Notice On Mrs. Naidu

LAHORE, Jan. 26.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu arrived here this morning from Delhi to see her ailing sister.

Mrs. Naidu had not alighted from her compartment when she was served at the railway station with a notice under the Defence of India Rules directing her not to make a public speech or join any procession.

She was further directed not to address any gathering of more than five persons without the previous permission of the District Magistrate. The notice also directed her not to make any communication to the press.

Mrs. Naidu is reported to have returned the notice with the remarks that under the instructions of her doctor she was not allowed to make speeches any way.

It may be mentioned that Mrs. Naidu has intimated Miss Chattopadyaya her sister, with whom she is staying not to arrange any public function or even a social gathering in her honour in view of her health. —A.P.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Yesterday I saw a new light
Shine over the city in which I live:
It was the light in the people's eyes.

Yesterday I saw a fire
Blaze over the city in which I live:
It had kindled in the people's hearts.

Yesterday I heard a pledge
Renewed in the city in which I live:
It was the prayer in the people's homes.

Yesterday I saw the shops
Closed in the city in which I live:
It was the silent revolution!

March on, my friends,
March on!
Towards freedom, peace and dignity.
That way lies the future of man.

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At the REMEMBER RUSSIA CAFE an R.A.F. officer bought a NATIONAL flag for the Political Sufferers' Fund. As he left the Cafe the flag was pinned to his cap.

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The attention of the Vice-Chancellor (Mr. B. J. Wadia) is drawn to the strange manner which Mr. B. N. Seal, Principal of the Elphinstone College, has recently adopted on the occasion of the annual social of the Elphinstone College Hostel Union, which is holding its annual function TO-DAY—not in the College Hall but at the Wellington Hall. I understand that Mr. Seal went so far as to write to Lady Rama Rau asking her NOT to preside at the function. Her reply and the Principal's letter should be called for by the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor should also ask Principal Seal whether he has forbidden professors of the College to attend this function and, if so, WHY?

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Jan. 26

Following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 22-1-44:—

Allahabad 77 49 0; BOMBAY 83 16 0; Calcutta 83 56 0; Cawnpore 78 49 0; Cuttack 83 56 0; Darjeeling 39 32 0.1; Delhi 77 51 0; Dehra Dun 62 44 0.1; Jacobabad 74 54 0; Lahore 62 44 'T'; Lucknow 80 48 0; Madras 83 69 0; Nagpur 82 54 0; Patna 78 51 0; Shillong 55 36 0.3; Simla 45 31 0.2.—A. P

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The solution for world peace lies in accepting the fact of full and equal freedom for all the countries of Asia, of giving up the doctrines of racial superiority, which is no monopoly of the Nazis and which we in India have known in its most intense form for generations. It lies in the recognition of independence which will not only release the suppressed and pent up energies of a great nation but will be symbolic of a new freedom all over the world.—Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Bombay Chronicle

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Independence Day was celebrated in the city, as in many other parts of the country, with various demonstrations, though the old familiar meetings and processions were, in the present circumstances, suppressed by the authorities in the old familiar way. The persistence of the celebrations in one form or another shows the determination of the people to keep up the agitation, and the various bans imposed on them show that the agitation has begun to tell. The stage is now reached when every ban imposed on the Independence celebrations endears them more and more to the people. There is now in fact the danger of mere demonstrations being over-emphasised by some people. In her message to the youth of the country, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu has wisely urged them to remember that "our true quality, our sincerity and steadfastness of purpose will be tested not in those rare and exhilarating moments that may call for heroic gestures on our part; but in the faithful and unwearying performance of our day to day labours for the progress, welfare and emancipation of our motherland, by our undefeated courage in the midst of oft-repeated failures and frustrations."

It appears that the advent of the Independence Day encouraged some people to seek to divert attention from it by fresh blackguarding of the Congress, particularly with regard to the charge that it is pro-Japanese. Mrs. Naidu, therefore, has felt constrained to state at a press conference: 'If anybody has the audacity to continue saying it, it will be scurrilous, it will be a lie. I can tell you authoritatively, as the only member of the Working Committee outside jail, that so far from being pro-Japanese, we have been consistently against any form of foreign invasion, no matter what label it may bear, because we have had quite enough of foreign invasion." This should be obvious to all honest critics of the Congress. But Mrs. Naidu has given fresh proof of Congress position by drawing attention at the press conference to Gandhiji's letter published in "the Chronicle" some months ago. This letter was a reply to Miraben's letter to him asking him for instructions regarding the correct attitude towards a possible invasion. Gandhiji stated definitely that "there should be no compromise, no trade, no barter, no acquiescence and no co-operation with the invader." It is curious, but perhaps natural for Lord Linlithgow that when Miraben wrote to him pointing out this fact, he did not even acknowledge this letter. Mrs. Naidu has wisely decided to publish Gandhiji's letter to Miraben.

Restating the Congress position with regard to this question, Mrs. Naidu says: "We of the Working Committee have always been anti-Japanese. We would be anti-anybody that tried to invade us. We are against all forms of aggression, as we are against all forms of exploitation." The Independence Day, the 9th of August, the Nation Week and other landmarks in the country's struggle for independence are periodical reminders to the people that they cannot rest till independence is won.

Music Congress

The All-India Music Congress, which is organised by the Vikrama Era Second Millennium Celebrations Committee, will be inaugurated to-day. It will represent the various traditional schools and also both the systems of Indian music—Hindustani and Carnatic. The participants, who are the front-rank exponents of Music, vocal and instrumental, will unveil, in their individual manner, the beauty of melodies and graces and will thus demonstrate the magnitude and magnificence of Indian music. The Congress will emphasize the fact that music is a great unifying force. It will, moreover, mark the unique historical event, the Second Millennium of the Vikram Era. If viewed through the corridors of the past, India will reveal herself as the confluence of the great religions of the world; she has at the same time attained eminence in the domains of art, literature and philosophy and radiated her cultural influences far beyond her geographical frontiers.

The Indian culture, which is distinct and distinctive, is a synthesis of various congenial and cohesive influences. The Music Congress will reaffirm that the fundamental unity and cultural synthesis of India are, in a large measure, enshrined in arts—and that music stands foremost among them. A retrospective survey, on the occasion of the Second Millennium of the Vikram Era, of the great past ought to awaken the people of India to the realities of the gloomy present and to inspire them to lay the foundation of a glorious future. The celebrations should be organised on a country-wide scale and should be designed to present to the people a panoramic picture of India's achievements in the spheres of art, literature, science and industry and they should stress the cultural oneness in which is rooted the spirit of Indian nationalism.

The lead in the matter of celebration in Bombay is taken by the Bombay Field Club. The Committee formed by it consists of several leading citizens and has enlisted the patronage of some princes. The chief item on its programme is the establishment of an Art Centre. Bombay has several social clubs, swimming pools, a race course, a stadium and a number of cinema houses but it has so far offered no foothold to art. An art centre will be an appropriate commemoration of the second millennium of the Vikram Era and will also fill a conspicuous lacuna in the cultural life of the city. We are confident that Bombay will not fail to respond to the appeal of the committee and to ensure success of the celebrations and commemoration.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Frivolous And High-handed

The notice served on Mrs. Sarojini Naidu at Lahore under the Defence Rules, directing her not to make a public speech or join any procession or even to make any communication to the press is a frivolous exhibition of power. The person or persons who made themselves responsible for the notice ought to have known that her health did not permit her making a public speech or joining any procession. In any case prohibiting her from making any public speech or joining any procession, irrespective of its nature, is an unwarranted encroachment on the rights of the public, though common in Fascist countries. The same may be said of the ban on making any communication to the press. That such a thing should have been possible under a responsible Government is more likely to bring it into contempt than anything that would have been said or done by Mrs. Naidu. The entire Indian press and political bodies should strongly condemn this sweeping and high-handed order.

Where Is Retaliation?

One does not know how Dr. N. B. Khare, the "Overseas Indians" Member of the Central Government, views the statement of Field-Marshal Smuts that he is not aware of any retaliatory measures taken by the Government of India or the Indian Provincial Governments against the South African Union or union products, but in the opinion of most of Dr. Khare's countrymen the statement is a distinct slap on the face of India. Beyond getting a so-called retaliatory Bill passed and dispensing with the services of two S. African Whites has Dr. Khare been able to induce his Government to take a single really positive step that would make the Union Government feel that the honour as well as liberties of Indian nationals residing in the Union cannot be trampled upon with impunity? And yet Dr. Khare had assured his countrymen when taking up his exalted office that he accepted the office only in the hope that he would be able to render some real service to his countrymen resident abroad. The real test of such service has come to him in connection with the anti-Indian campaign started by the Whites of South Africa, but how has he faced that test? It is for him to answer.

Music Congress

The Vikramaditya Celebrations Committee deserve to be congratulated for organising the All-India Music Congress in aid of the Vikrama Kala Mandir Building Fund. It is indeed a unique festival in which the foremost musicians of the country are taking part. I should like to make the following suggestions through the hospitality of your valued columns.

There is no doubt that the purpose of the Congress, viz., to collect funds for the Kala Mandir will not be unachieved if the daily programmes of music are also broadcast from the Bombay Station of the All-India Radio. The Congress being the first of its kind, by broadcasting the programmes on the A.I.R., the celebrations will achieve a world-wide reputation.

I would also suggest installing loud-speakers so as to enable the thousands of music-lovers in Bombay city to listen to the programmes from outside. This was successfully done in Madras during December last, when three music conferences were going on, and it will not in any way affect the receipts.

'KAY ORR'.

Bohra Meeting

Mr. Hatim A. Alavi addressed the following letter on Tuesday to the six conveners of the mass meeting of Dawoodi Bohras held on Wednesday night:—

I just happen to see in this evening "Sanj Vartaman" an announcement calling a public meeting of the Dawoodi Bohras on Wednesday. The object of the meeting as described in this announcement is to condemn the conveners of the Dawoodi Bohra Conference and as such you have the facts relied upon newspaper reports for such information as you may have gathered about the conference. As you may be aware there is no shorthand in Gujarati and, therefore, reporting of Gujarati speeches is no easy task. How difficult it is can be judged from the divergence of the reports and proceedings of our Conference as published in the various newspapers of Bombay. I believe that if you knew the full facts re: the resolutions passed by the Conference and the other details of its proceedings, you would not have come to the conclusion to which I regret to say you apparently seem to have come. Be that as it may, as the acting President of the Conference, I would like to attend the meeting that you have called and explain to the audience authoritative facts with regard to the proceedings of the Conference. I believe, I shall be able to do so in about half an hours time and I would be obliged, if you can kindly let me know the time it will be most convenient for you when I may address the meeting.

MOSCOW CHARGES NAZIS WITH MURDER

Soviet Commission's Report On Graves Of 11,000 Polish Military Men

LONDON, Jan. 26: The Moscow radio announced to-day that the special Soviet Commission investigating German atrocities in Katyn forest has issued its report with the following conclusions:

"Polish prisoners of war were shot by the Germans not only at Katyn but at other places. The object was (1) to wipe out their enemies, (2) to place the blame on the Soviet Union and (3) to swell the statistics of enemy casualties."

The report said: "The Commission verified and established on the spot that the graves of the Poles shot by the Germans are situated ten miles from Smolensk along the highway to Vitebsk in the area of Katyn forest called Kozie Gory, 220 yards from the highway. The graves were opened in the presence of the special commission and coroners. Over 11,000 corpses were discovered in the graves clothed in Polish military uniforms.

Medical and scientific experts have established that the bodies and articles of clothing were well preserved, especially the uniforms, belts and buttons proving that they had been buried in spring of 1942 at the latest. The bodies were buried without coffins.

NAZIS DID THE MURDER

The report then announced that the following had been established from the evidence of witnesses: "When they captured Smolensk, the German invaders guarded the forest, once the holiday centre for Smolensk with strong patrols and in many places notices appeared warning that people, who entered the forest were liable to be shot on the spot. The Kozie Gory area where the graves were discovered was guarded particularly strongly.

Before the Germans captured Smolensk, in the western districts of the Smolensk region Polish prisoners of war, officers and men, worked on the construction and repair of highways. These Polish prisoners of war were quartered in three camps 15 to 27 miles west of Smolensk. It was established from the evidence of witnesses and by documentary material that after the beginning of military operations, in the circumstances that arose, the camps could not be evacuated in time and all Polish prisoners of war as well as part of the guard and staff of the camps fell into German hands."

Among the mass of bodies of Polish prisoners of war were bodies of civilians in the proportion of two civilians in 925 exhumed bodies. The examination of the uniforms has revealed that the prisoners were searched. In some cases the pockets had not been examined. Scraps of newspapers, pamphlets, prayer books, postage stamps, letters, receipts, notes and other documents and valuable objects were found in the pockets in the lining of uniforms, trouser belts and socks.

At the head of the 537th Construction Battalion was Ober Lt. Ernest and his collaborators were Ober Lt. Recht and Lt. Hott.

RED ARMY MEN'S BODIES ALSO FOUND

From Reuter's staff correspondent: Graves of 135,000 people, including Red Army men, have been found around Smolensk, according to members of the Soviet Commission now carrying out investigations here. They have found a total of 87 mass graves. A member of the Commission said: "Smolensk is now a city resting on bones." The pre-war population of 185,000 has been reduced to 30,000. Of the 7,900 buildings only 300 are left intact. If Kharkov and other wrecked Soviet cities represent destruction Smolensk is utter desolation.

Govt. To Go Into Conditions Of Labour

Will Introduce Fair Wages Clause In Contracts With C. P. W. D., Says Dr. Ambedkar

LUCKNOW, Jan. 25.

The fourth meeting of the Standing Labour Committee began to-day at the Council House with the Hon'ble Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Labour Member, in the Chair, and attended by five delegates of provincial Governments and three delegates representing the Indian States.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman, referring to the steps which are being taken by the Central Government to implement the decisions taken at an earlier session of the Standing Labour Committee, indicated that the Government had decided to introduce the fair wages clause in contracts entered into by the Central Public Works Department.

The question of introducing a similar clause in contracts entered into by other departments of the Central Government, he said, was under consideration.

The Chairman also announced that in pursuance of the resolution passed at the last plenary session of the Labour Conference, the Government of India had appointed a labour investigation committee for the investigation of wages, earnings and other conditions of labour.

The question of extending the enquiry in a suitable manner to agricultural wage earners, he said, was also being considered in consultation with the Provincial Governments.—A. P.

Princess Sitadevi's Conversion Echo

BOMBAY, Jan. 26.

The Secretary of the Prarthana Mandir, Girgaum, has issued the following:—

In the statement issued to the press by the Maharaja of Pithapuram concerning the marriage of his third daughter, Princess Sitadevi, with the Maharaja of Baroda, there is a reference to the Princess' reconversion to Hinduism under Brahmo rites. As the re-conversion is reported to have taken place in Bombay, and in view of the fact that the Bombay Prarthana Samaj professes Brahmo faith, I wish to make it clear that the Prarthana Samaj has had nothing to do with the reconversion of the Princess. The Maharaja of Pithapuram who, as he declares, looks upon Brahmoism as his cherished and practised creed, could easily have remembered that in that creed there is no place for reconversion to Hinduism which, as far as I am aware, is one of the prominent features of the creed of the Arya Samaj under whose auspices the reconversion is reported to have taken place. Further, the creed of the Brahmo Samaj neither allows, nor encourages in any form or under any pretext, a second marriage during the lifetime of the first husband or wife. I may only add that the Prarthana Samaj has always condemned all such marriages and conversions and has not departed from that position in the present case.—A. P.

Huge U.S. Naval Output

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25: The War Production Chief Mr. Donald Nelson said: 1943 was a record-breaking shipbuilding year and included two 45,000-ton battleships, 11 cruisers, 15 aircraft-carriers, 50 carrier escorts, 128 destroyers, 306 destroyer-escorts, and 56 submarines.—Reuter.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 25.

Replying to a question in the South African Assembly, the Prime Minister said that he was not aware that the Central or State Governments in India had taken retaliation measures against Union nationals and Union products.—Reuter.

PAKISTAN INVADES HORRABIN'S ATLAS

(From A Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, Jan. 26.

Pakistan propaganda in Britain has reached phenomenal proportions. Quickly on the heels of Prof. Coupland's Pakistan analysis in the latest book "Future of India" comes Mr. J. F. Horrabin's "Atlas of Post-war Problems", a Penguin publication with colossal sale.

The publication devotes two maps to India both classified under Britain's "colonial problems". The first map indicates, among other things, Pakistan territories comprising Punjab, Sind, Frontier, Bengal and Malabar. Captioned as "India a Nation" a footnote says: "The greatest colonial possession in the world is India, British-owned for a century and a half—the Muslim League demands that the British-achieved Indian unity be destroyed and separate Muslim State or States be set up".

The other map includes India with the Central Asian and Soviet Republics and Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Arabia. The footnote explains how the recent strategic road developments have linked these countries.

Swaraj House Protests Against Conscription Of Indians

Swaraj House in a memorandum to be submitted to representative members of Parliament, raised the issue of conscription of Indians resident here.

The memorandum says that Indian conscription here can only mean "another proof of India's status as a subject nation".

The memorandum also declares that Indians are not opposed to war against Fascism. It reiterates the Congress stand of the co-operation of a fully free India with the United Nations on the basis of military alliance against the Axis Powers.

Bakery Owner Acquitted

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Wadia and Mr. Justice Weston.)

Behram Sheriar Irani ... Appellant (Original Accused).

Versus.

King-Emperor ..... Respondent.

The appellant, a partner in the Rising Sun Bakery at Falkland Road, had been convicted and sentenced to two weeks' simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 by Mr. K. J. Khandalawala, Presidency Magistrate on 20th September 1943 for having used wheat flour in cakes without a licence in contravention of the Government Notification of 26th December 1942 and thereby committing an offence punishable under Rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules. The police raided the appellant's shop on 13th January 1943 and seized one sample of each type of cakes and sent it to the Chemical Analyser whose report stated that wheat product was detected in the samples. The prosecution not having disputed that the other articles might have been made before 26th December 1942, the whole question was as to the contents of the small cakes of which 2 samples had been seized. Aggrieved by the correction and sentence, the accused appealed to the High Court. Counsel for the accused argued, first, that there was no satisfactory evidence that the cakes in which wheat product had been detected had been manufactured after 26th December 1942 when the notification came into force, secondly, that there was no satisfactory evidence of the quantity of wheat product detected, a small amount of which may, unknown to the accused, have been contained in the baking powder used by him, and thirdly, that by reason of the negligence of the police in letting the sample cakes lie about for several days in a room at the Police Station before sending them on to the Chemical Analyser it was not possible to say that wheat product had been detected in the identical cakes seized in the accused's shop.

Their Lordships accepted all these arguments advanced by Counsel for the appellant and observed that, at most, the Chemical Analyser's Report established that an unspecified quantity of wheat product had been detected in only the 2 samples out of over 3,000 small cakes in the shop which might have been more than 18 days old and therefore made before the Notification came into force. Their Lordships therefore allowed the appeal, set aside the conviction and sentence and acquitted the accused.

Mr. C. K. Daphtary with Mr. S. J. Shah instructed by Messrs. Mulla and Mulla appeared for the Appellant.

The Government Pleader Mr. B. G. Rao appeared for the Crown.

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quarters which stated: "In Western Bosnia our units re-occupied Mrkonjicgrad.

In Western Dalmatia two small villages were occupied and a fairly large number of Ustashi (Croat Quisling troops) and Chetniks were annihilated."—Reuter.

Japs Ambushed In Chindwin

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26.

In the Chindwin Area a number of Japanese were ambushed 26 miles south-east of Tamu and suffered severe casualties, says a South-East Asia Command Allied War Communique.

In the Hukwang Valley further slight advances have been made by American trained Chinese troops.

On the 24th January R. A. F. Divebombers of the Tactical Air Force, Eastern Air Command, carried out several attacks on enemy positions in the Maungdaw area. Fighters in Southern Burma damaged over 60 rivercraft, a steamer, motor transport and locomotives.

U. S. Heavy Bombers of the Strategic Air Force left at Mergui on the 23rd January 2 100-foot coastal vessels and a 300-foot merchant vessel in flames and probably sunk.

The capture of a hill east of the Kalapanzin river on Arakan Front has improved our position on the left flank, wrote an Army Observer on Tuesday. South of Maungdaw Japanese resistance continues in the area of Nyaunggyaung.

AWARDS FOR GURKHAS

Gurkha prowess in battle has again come to the fore with the recent award of two I. O. M.'s (Posthumous) and three I. D. S. M.'s to N. C. O.'s and men of the 3rd Gurkha Rifles for gallantry in operations in the Chin Hills during November, 1943.—A. P.

EVACUATION OF JAP CITIES BEGINS

BERLIN, Jan. 26: Fifteen districts of Tokyo and eight of the industrial towns of Nagoya are to be evacuated, according to a Japanese decree quoted by the German news agency. The districts concerned are exclusively quarters near railway stations.

The German overseas news agency later said that the industrial areas expected to be included in the decree will be those of Yokohama, Osaka, and Kobe and in the north of Kiushiu, the most southerly island of Japan proper.—Reuter.

U.S. Planes Bomb Hongkong 'Drome

CHUNGKING, Jan. 25: American MITCHELL medium bombers, including planes of the Chinese American Wing, bombed Kaitak aerodrome at Hongkong on Sunday with fighter escort, said a Communique from Gen. Joseph Stillwell's headquarters to-day. Other MITCHELLS in a sweep off the south China coast sank a freighter and a tanker, both over 5,000 tons, in a Japanese convoy.—Reuter.

MACARTHUR HONOURED

LONDON, Jan. 26.

Allied Headquarters, South-West Pacific: It was announced here to-day that by the direction of President Roosevelt, Gen. MacArthur had been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal "for exceptionally distinguished service as Supreme Commander in the South-West Pacific."—Reuter.

TITO'S MEN RECAPTURE MRKONJICGRAD

LONDON, Jan. 26: The Free Yugoslav radio broadcast to-day a 'communique' from Marshal Tito's head-

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TÊTE-À-TÊTE

We got up in the morning yesterday with a feeling that there was something particular about the day, but it had completely slipped from our memory.

We switched on the radio. The gramophone records were followed by the News. The announcer announced the date—as he always does for the benefit of absent-minded listeners like us—January 26, 1944. So what?, we asked ourselves as we listened to the news about the March on Rome that we had already read in the morning paper. The announcer did not say there was any particular significance attached to the date. And yet the feeling of having forgotten something persisted.

Even the cold shower did not awaken our faulty memory. We climbed into our "Wednesday worst" clothes and sauntered out.

On the road outside our building we encountered one policeman. At the street corner there were two policemen. Near the bus stand there were three policemen armed with rifles and one Inspector armed with a revolver.

Then memory awakened with a flash. And we remembered that it was INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS
(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *On arrival in Lahore Mrs. Naidu was accorded a right royal reception by the Panjab Government—in the true Panjab style!*

(2) *Concerned about her health, the District Magistrate forbade her to take part in any meetings or processions as that might cause her unnecessary strain.*

(3) *Mrs. Naidu, however, has declared that she fears her doctor much more than the Government even the Government of the Punjab!*

(4) *Field Marshal Smuts said that he was not aware of any retaliatory measures adopted by the Government of India against South African nationals—the joke is that he is right!*

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WITHOUT COMMENT

"At an auction sale held in Glasgow whisky was sold for more than thirty times its pre-war value. The atmosphere was so tense that two men fainted before the sale had been ten minutes in progress. But there was nothing but water for purposes of revival. This large consignment of whisky was the property of a bachelor, aged 75, a non-smoker and non-drinker who lived over 50 years in one room in Glasgow. He died of malnutrition."—Statesman.

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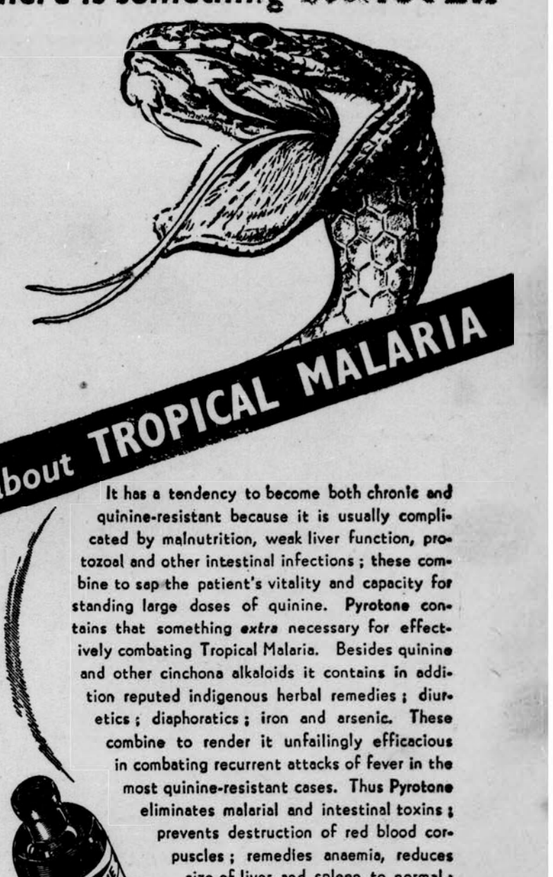

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To-day's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS, MATUNGA: Study Class on the subject of Man "Mortal and Immortal" at 8-15 p.m. to-day at Putla House, Bhaudaji Road, Matunga.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: The next meeting of the Corporation will be held in the Corporation Hall to-day at 3-30 p.m. (Bombay Time.)

MAZDAZNAN: Lecture on "The Impressions of the Oriental Conference", by Mr. J. C. Katrak at Mazdaznan Hall, Opp. Churchgate Station to-day (Thursday) at 6-15 p.m.

Y. W. C. A. INTERNATIONAL FORUM: Lecture to-day (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A. 18 Mayo Road, Fort, on "My Experiences in India" by Mrs. Margaret Pope.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN: Prof. S. D. Gyani, will deliver a lecture on "The Original Home of the Early Aryans" at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, at 5 p.m., to-day.

RAM MOHAN ENGLISH SCHOOL: Annual Athletic Sports, to-morrow (Friday), at 3-30 p.m. on Wilson College Gymkhana Grounds, Mr. M. B. Madgavkar, Solicitor, presiding. Past students cordially invited.

LADY THAKERSEY TO OPEN: Health Home and Social Welfare Exhibition organised by the Bombay Municipality will be held on 1st of February, at 5 p.m., in St. Xavier's High School.

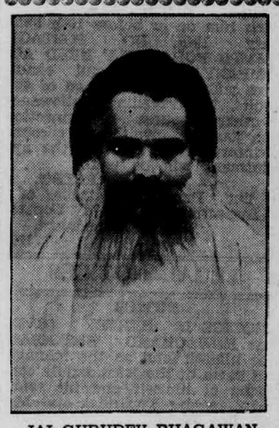
Lady Thakersey will open the exhibition.

OLYMPIC GAMES: The following Weight-lifters have been selected to represent Bombay at the XI Indian Olympic Games to be held at Patiala on February 10th, 11th and 12th:—(1) Mr. J. D. Telang, (2) Mr. N. K. Apte, and (3) Mr. R. C. Dhala.

COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION: Under the auspices of the Commerce Graduates' Association, Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, will give a talk on "Banking" to-day (Thursday) at 6 p.m., Wadia Building, Dalal Street, Fort, Sir Manilal B. Nanavati will preside. The talk will be followed by questions and answers.

BOMBAY HINDI VIDYAPEETH CONVOCATION: The Convocation of the Bombay Hindi Vidyapeeth will be held to-day at 6-30 p.m. at the Bhavatsky Lodge Hall, French Bridge under the presidentship of Mrs. Lilavati Munshi and Shreeyut Bhadant Anand Kaushalyayan the Secretary of Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha will deliver the Convocation Address.

Kokilagana M. S. Subbalakshmi, the well-known exponent of Karnatak Music will give a recital at the All-India Music Congress on Friday at 6 p.m.



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Prof. Parbat Singh of Gwalior, the well-known Pakhvaj player, who will give a thrilling performance at the All-India Music Congress at the Convocation Hall, University Gardens, to be held from 27-1-44 to 1-2-44.

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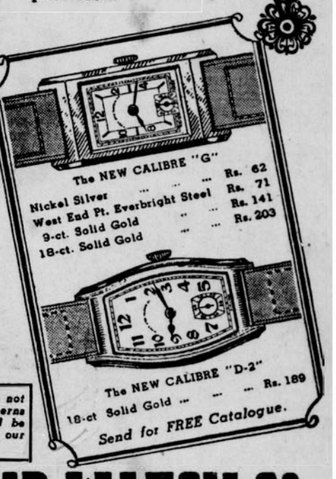

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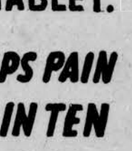

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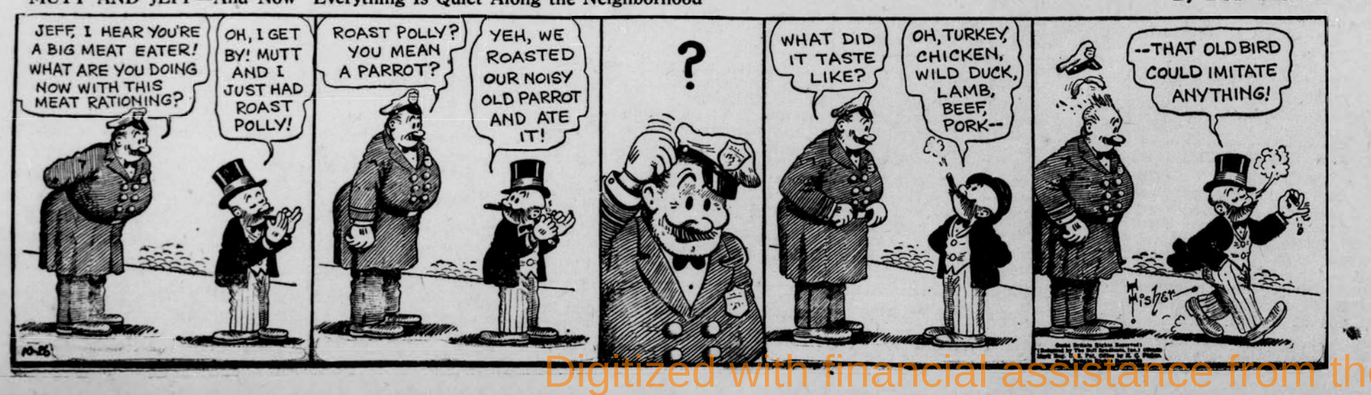
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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from MUSLIMS for a temporary post of Assistant Rice Research Officer on Rs. 140|- per mensem and will be received by the Economic Botanist, Bengal, P. O. Tejgaon, Dacca upto 12th February, 1944.

Qualifications required:—M. Sc. in Botany with Post graduate training in plant breeding.

M. CARBERY,
Director of Agriculture, Bengal. (7615)

THE PODAR MILLS, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the share transfer books of THE PODAR MILLS LTD., will be closed from 11th February to 11th March, (both days inclusive).

By order of the Board.
PODAR SONS LTD.,
Managing Agents. (7622)

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for cutting, sewing and making complete in every respect uniform clothing etc. Form obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2|- per copy, not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date 23rd February, 1944 at 3 P.M. (S.T.). (7612)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

WANTED TEMPORARY CLERKS (Rs. 60-3-90-5-160 plus dearness allowance and compensatory allowance where admissible) at Delhi, Calcutta, Rawalpindi, Meerut, Lahore, Ambala, Quetta, Bombay and Poona. Candidates must be Graduates and below 25 years. Higher initial pay up to Rs. 90|- for highly qualified men like First class M.As. For candidates of scheduled castes age limit is 28. Apply to the Director of Audit Defence Services, New Delhi, before 15th February, 1944. (7618)

PAPER CUTTINGS

OFFERS ARE INVITED for contract to remove paper cuttings from Bombay Chronicle Press, during the year 1944. Apply Manager, Bombay Chronicle between 3 and 4 p.m.

THE AZAM JAHI MILLS LIMITED.
(Incorporated in Hyderabad-Dn).
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Azam Jahi Mills, Limited, will be CLOSED from 18th day of February, 1944 to the 29th day of February, 1944 (16th Farwardi 1353 to 27th Farwardi 1353 Fasli) both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
C.S. TYABJEE,
Managing Agent,
For the Industrial Trust Fund, H.E.H. the Nizam's Government, Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents,
Dated 24th January [illegible] (7617)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Deputy Controller of Inspection (Textiles): Ahmedabad.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following temporary posts which have been or may be created in connection with the War.

(1) JUNIOR CLERKS AND TYPISTS:—Scale of pay Rs. 60-4-100-3-160 (Old)|Rs. 50-5|2-90-5-140 (New) plus dearness allowance as sanctioned by the Government of India, from time to time.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS. Matriculation or any other equivalent qualifications. For Typists with speed of 35 words per minute. Age Limit 25. Men with previous experience will be preferred.

(2) STENO-TYPISTS: Scale of pay Rs. 60-4-100-3-160 (Old)|Rs. 50-5|2-90-5-140 (New) plus Rs. 15|- stenography allowance.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Matriculation (or its equivalent) with typing speed not less than 35 words and fair knowledge of shorthand with speed of about 80 words per minute. Previous experience will receive preference.

Age limit in both cases:—25 years. (May be relaxed in special cases).

Old scales of pay are applicable to those who are in continuous Government service prior to 16-7-1931.

A few vacancies are RESERVED FOR MUSLIMS AND OTHER MINORITY COMMUNITIES.

Applications in own handwriting stating age, educational qualifications, previous experience etc. together with copies of testimonials, if any, should be sent to the Deputy Controller of Inspection (Tax), I.S.D., War Department Shahpur, Ahmedabad, so as to reach him on or before 10th February 1944. NO POSTAGE STAMPS FOR REPLY NEED ACCOMPANY. Unsuccessful candidates will not be informed of the results. No travelling allowance or other expenses in connection with journeys involved on account of interview or joining the appointment will be paid.

A. N. PATRO,
For Deputy Controller of Inspection, I.S.D., War Department, Ahmedabad. (7619)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that REWACHAND WATOOMAL (for himself and as the manager and karta of the joint family consisting of himself and his sons), and Gopaldas Topandas and Mathuradas Topandas (for themselves and as Managers and kartas of the joint family, consisting of themselves and their brothers and their respective sons); have contracted with our client for the absolute sale to him free from incumbrances of the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, as otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim, if any, and the same will be considered as treated as having been absolutely waived and abandoned.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground admeasuring 189 sq. yds. with the dwelling house standing thereon, situate at Carnac Road on Elphinstone Estate Bombay, bearing Collector's No. 3186, Cadastral Survey No. 18 of Princess Dock Division and under B Ward Nos. 5536-37 and Street No. 50.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1944.

KHANDVALLA & CHHOTALAL,
Purchaser's Attorneys (7609)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

IN ORDER to conserve the poultry resources of the Province of Bombay, the Government has issued an order under the Defence of India Rules that no poultry shall be served in any hotel, club, eating house, restaurant, railway refreshment room or railway restaurant car throughout the Province on two days in the week, viz., Monday and Friday, with effect from Monday, January 31, 1944. (7614)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. The SONAWALA CO., LTD., Mortgagees of the undermentioned property have in exercise of the power of sale vested in them under the Indenture of Mortgage, dated 22nd November, 1934, executed by Mr. Abdul Currim Tyeb the owner of the said property in their favour contracted to sell the same to our client.

Any person or persons having any claim, right, title and interest in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, mortgage, charge, exchange, trust, use, lease, gift, inheritance, lien, possession, maintenance, encumbrance, easement or otherwise howsoever, is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at 65, Esplanade Road, Old Oriental Bank Building, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which all claims will be considered as waived and the sale will be completed without any regard thereto.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground of the quit and ground rent tenure together with the messsage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Kazi Street, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring 174 6|9 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of the Land Revenue under Old No. 929, New No. 8097, Old Survey No. 1864, New Survey No. 633 and Cadastral Survey No. 3325 in the Bhuleshwar Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 6178, Street Nos. formerly 182 and 184 and now No. 22 and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by the said Kazi Street, on or towards the West by a Sweeper's passage, on or towards the North by the property of Jamal Kasai and on or towards the South by the property of Shaboodin.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1944.

DORAB & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (7598)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PINGLE VENKAT RAMA REDDY, of Hyderabad (Deccan) and of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to our client. Any person having any claim in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us in our office No. 14 K, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay, and to the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Land partly freehold and partly of the quit and ground rent tenure with buildings partly thereon and partly on the Arcade standing on the Municipal land known as Warwick House, situate at Fort Street in Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay admeasuring 313 square yards or thereabouts and bearing New Survey No. 8488 and Cadastral Survey No. 1295 of the Fort Division and Municipal A Ward No. 2629 (1) 2629 (2) and Street No. 107 and bounded as follows that on the East by Mody Street, on the West by vacant land and beyond that by the Police Station, on the North by the footpath of Fort Street and on the South partly by the property of Devkaran Nanji and partly by the vacant piece of land known as Mandva land.

Land of quit and ground tenure situate at Manoredas Street, containing by admeasurement 243 square yards or thereabouts and bearing New Survey No. 8487, Cadastral Survey Nos. 1292 and 1293 of Fort Division and Municipal A Ward No. 2627 and Street No. 42 and which said premises are bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Devkaran Nanji, on or towards the West partly by the Fort Police Station and partly by a Parsi Parab, on or towards the North partly by the property of Bhagwandas Narotamdas and partly by the Fort Police Station and on or towards the South by the Manoredas Street.

Land with the building standing thereon, situate at Fort Street, containing by admeasurement 24.62 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1295 of Fort Division and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by property known as Warwick House belonging to Vendor bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1295, on or towards the West by Government land bearing C.S. No. 1296, on or towards the North by partly by Fort Street and partly by property of the Vendors and on or towards the South by the property of the Vendor bearing S.C. No. 1292 and 1293.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1944.

MERWANJI KOLA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (7601)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA have appointed Mr. H. J. Nichols, D.Sc., (Lond.), M.I.C.E., A.M.I.M.E. J.P., as General Manager of this Railway in succession to Mr. G.C. Laughton, C.I.E., A.C.G.I., A.M.I. C.E., M.Inst., T.J.P., who proceeded on leave prior to retirement with effect from the afternoon of Tuesday, the 25th January, 1944. (7613)

AUCTION SALES

THE SALE OF DECORATIVE & USEFUL ENGLISH & BOHEMIAN GLASSWARE porcelain, plated & silverware, cases of table cutlery E lamps, toaster, dryer and heater and similar other articles will take place TO-DAY at 3 P.M. at the sale room of the undersigned as previously advertised.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

IN INSOLVENCY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Official Assignee of Bombay intends to declare dividends in the following estates as mentioned below:—

Serial No.	Insolvency No.	Name of the Insolvent.	Dividend intended to be declared.
1	278 of 1939	Gadhad Amichand Lohar	FIRST.
2	97 of 1940	Trikamdas Madhavji Kapadia	do.
3	553 of 1932	Dayalal Mulchand Shah PERSONAL ESTATE.	FIRST & FINAL.
4	665 of 1934	Balkrishna Purshottam Wagle	do.
5	256 of 1940	Ramchandra Ramdayal Marwadi	do.
6	327 of 1937	Purshottam Laxman Kasture	SECOND.
7	329 of 1940	Shanker Yeshwant Dalvi	do.
8	17 of 1941	John Sterling	do.
9	37 of 1941	Sankara Suba Ramkrishna Sharma	do.
10	78 of 1941	Phirozsha Dhanjibhoy Darukhanawalla	do.
11	86 of 1941	George Warland Higgins	do.
12	91 of 1941	Amritlal Vithaldas Mehta	do.
13	145 of 1941	Nawroji Edulji Daruwala	do.
14	146 of 1941	James Smith	do.
15	162 of 1941	Ardeshir Jamshedji Patel	do.
16	177 of 1941	Balkrishna Mahadev Bhat	do.
17	185 of 1941	Swamidayal Kushehar Prasad	do.
18	273 of 1941	Dennis Arthur Phillips	do.
19	36 of 1941	Parmanand Mulchand Kataria	SECOND & FINAL.
20	717 of 1935	Dwarkadas Soonderdas Narandas	THIRD.
21	137 of 1936	Nellapally Parshurama Narayana Iyer	do.
22	157 of 1936	Vrajlal Dallabhdas Kanakia	do.
23	199 of 1936	Sitaram Lakshman Iyer	do.
24	810 of 1936	Jehangir Dossabhai Dhupatwalla alias Lavajina	do.
25	768 of 1935	Chunilal Shanaram Bhat	THIRD & FINAL.
26	89 of 1936	Ligorio Mendonca	do.
27	123 of 1936	Judah Samuel	do.
28	10 of 1935	Florence Purification D'Souza	FOURTH.
29	447 of 1935	Surendranath Krishnarao Ranjit	do.
30	499 of 1935	Framroze Pirosha Mukadam	do.
31	5 of 1934	Dadyba Cawasji Cursetji	FOURTH & FINAL.
32	582 of 1935	George Ebenezer Tristram	do.
33	669 of 1934	Thomas Alexander Rowe	FIFTH.
34	130 of 1935	Stanley Vere Featherstone	FIFTH & FINAL
35	724 of 1920	Edulji Nassarwanji Mistry alias Pochkhanawalla	SUPPLEMENTARY & FINAL.
36	719 of 1935	Balkrishna alias Baburao Pandurang Patil	Further preferential distribution.

Creditors who have not proved their claims are requested to do so in the Office of the undersigned within fourteen days from the date hereof. If they fail to do so, their claims will be excluded and the undersigned will proceed to declare a dividend in the respective estates as stated above without regard to such claims.

All persons having claims against the Official Assignee in the abovementioned estates in respect of costs, charges, expenses, rent, lien or otherwise are hereby requested to notify their claims to the undersigned forthwith, if they have not done so already. All such claims must be sent to the undersigned within fourteen days from the date of this advertisement.

On expiry of the said period, the assets in the above estates will be distributed and the claims received after that period will not be recognised.

Bombay, dated this 17th day of January, 1944.

R. S. BILIMORIA,
Official Assignee of Bombay. (7526)

Official Assignee's Office,
High Court, Bombay.

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